

Abstract of the Disclosure

A vehicle spare wheel is carried by an arm swingable about a vertical axis away from the rear of the vehicle. A powered extensible control subsequently positions the arm about a horizontal axis during wheel removal. A base is mounted on the vehicle rear bumper and supports the arm and control therefor. A latch assembly on the arm and base includes a housing that receives a ball member when the spare wheel is stowed on the vehicle. A lock biases the ball member into housing engagement.